

House of Representatives, April 7, 1998. The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR, 99th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO GRANT THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A BICYCLIST.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) The judges of the Superior  
2 Court shall impose an additional fee equivalent to  
3 one hundred per cent of the fine established or  
4 imposed for a violation of subsection (e) of  
5 section 14-242, section 14-245, 14-246a, 14-247 or  
6 14-247a of the general statutes for such violation  
7 when the driver of a vehicle fails to grant or  
8 yield the right-of-way to a person riding a  
9 bicycle, as defined in section 14-286 of the  
10 general statutes, as amended.

11 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 14-286b of  
12 the general statutes is repealed and the following  
13 is substituted in lieu thereof:

14 (a) Every person operating a bicycle upon a  
15 roadway shall ride [as near to the right side of  
16 the roadway as practicable] SO AS NOT TO IMPEDE  
17 THE NORMAL AND REASONABLE MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC,  
18 exercising due care when passing a standing  
19 vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

20 JUD COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 35 NAY 1 JF

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# **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER HB 5740**

STATE IMPACT                      Indeterminate Revenue Gain, see explanation below

MUNICIPAL IMPACT              None

STATE AGENCY(S)              Judicial Department

## **EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:**

The bill would result in an indeterminate revenue gain to the Special Transportation Fund (STF) and the General Fund (GF). The extent to which bicyclists are involved when drivers fail to give the right of way is not known.

In 1997, the current statutes affected by the bill saw the following activity:

<u>Statute</u>	<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Fines Collected</u>	<u>Fund</u>
14-242	2,259	232,186	STF
14-245	783	79,617	STF
14-247	757	77,549	STF
14-247a	111	10,890	GF
Total	3,910	400,242	

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**OLR BILL ANALYSIS**

HB 5740

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO GRANT THE  
RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A BICYCLIST**

**SUMMARY:** This bill requires judges to impose an additional fee equal to the fine imposed for a motor vehicle violation for the failure to yield or grant the right of way to a person riding a bicycle. These motor vehicle violations are all punishable as infractions.

The bill requires bicyclists to ride so as not to impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic rather than "as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable."

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1998

**BACKGROUND**

**Bicycle**

The term bicycle includes all vehicles propelled by a rider or riders or a helper motor. A helper motor is capable of no more than 30 miles per hour.

**Conduct of Bicyclists**

Bicyclists are granted all the rights and are subject to all the duties in the statutes for a driver of a motor vehicle.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Report  
Yea 35      Nay 1